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DETAILED ACTION

Status of Claims

1. This action is responsive to application filed on November 20, 2003. Claims 1-24 are pending examination.

Drawings

2. The drawings filed on 11/20/2003 are acknowledged and are acceptable.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

- 3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:
 - The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.
- 4. Claims 8,16,24 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The wording of the claims make it is unclear whether the "Force Out data element" is part of the received packet, or if it is independent of the packet wherein the channel adapter receives two separate pieces of data (one being the packet and the other being the "Force Out data element").

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this

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subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

- 6. Claims 1-24 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being Kashyap et al by (US Patent No 7,116,673).
- 7. In reference to claims 1 and 11, Kashyap teaches a method in a logically partitioned data processing system, the method comprising:

receiving a packet in a host channel adapter for a system area network (column 5 lines 27-50 & column 8 lines 35-50);

checking a multicast table in the host channel adapter to determine if a matching entry exists (column 12 lines 1-15); and

forwarding the packet to trusted software in response to a determination that the packet is intended for multicasting and that no matching entry exists in the multicast table (column 12 lines 1-15),

wherein the trusted software forwards the packet to appropriate recipient logical partitions (column 7 line 47 – column 8 line 5).

- 8. In reference to claim 2, Kashyap teaches the method of claim 1, wherein at least one protocol checking operation of the host channel adapter is bypassed for the purpose of forwarding the packet to the trusted software (column 4 lines 50-60 & column 12 lines 15-40).
- 9. In reference to claim 3, Kashyap teaches the method of claim 2, wherein the trusted software completes the at least one protocol checking operation on the forwarded packet (column 4 lines 50-60 & column 12 lines 15-40).

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10. In reference to claim 4, Kashyap teaches the method of claim 3, wherein the at least one protocol checking operation includes at least one of queue key (Q_key) checking and partition key (P key) checking (column 9 lines 25-50).

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- 11. In reference to claim 5, Kashyap teaches the method of claim 1, wherein the trusted software includes at least one of a hypervisor and an operating system (column 5 lines 45-55).
- 12. In reference to claim 6, Kashyap teaches the method of claim 1, wherein the packet is received by the host channel adapter from a system area network fabric (column 5 lines 27-50).
- 13. In reference to claim 7, Kashyap teaches the method of claim 1, wherein the packet is received by the host channel adapter from an application on a host associated with the host channel adapter and the packet is received by the host channel adapter for the purpose of transmitting the packet over the system area network (column 4 lines 49-65).
- 14. In reference to claim 8, Kashyap teaches the method of claim 7, wherein in response to the host channel adapter's receiving the packet with a Force Out data element set to a first value, the host channel adapter attempts to transmit the packet to local logical host channel adapters, and in response to the channel adapter's receiving the packet with the Force Out data element set to a second value that is distinct from the first value, the host channel adapter transmits the packet over a system area network fabric (column 4 line 49 column 5 line 25).
- 15. In reference to claims 9-16, claims 9-16 are computer program product claims that correspond to the method claims of claims 1-8. Therefore, claims 9-16 are rejected based upon the same rationale as given for claims 1-8 above.

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16. In reference to claims 17-24, claims 17-24 are claims that correspond to the method claims of claims 1-8. Therefore, claims 17-24 are rejected based upon the same rationale as given for claims 1-8 above.

Conclusion

- 17. The above rejections are based upon the broadest reasonable interpretation of the claims. Applicant is advised that the above specified citations of the relied upon prior art are only representative of the teachings of the prior art, and that any other supportive sections within the entirety of the reference (including any figures, incorporation by references, claims and priority documents) is implied as being applied to teach the scope of the claims.
- The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's 18. disclosure. See attached Form 892.

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